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CAMPUS

## University unveils official entrance

By Nancy Huang  
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UT placed the finishing touches on a new, formal entrance to the school located at University Avenue on Friday. The concept of the entrance, which was conceived during William Powers Jr.'s presidency at the University, consists of a small patio and a limestone block with the name of the University engraved on it. Companies Dyal and Partners and Bartlett Stine Company collaborated on the project.

Herman Dyal, the founding principal of Dyal and Partners, said the University asked the company to design a formal entrance to the campus. Dyal and Partners and the University collaborated to pick the location because of its historical significance. "The location is one that makes imminent sense, I think," Dyal said. "It actually sort of makes a reference to the architect Paul Cret, who developed the University of Texas master plan in 1933, in which he extended the malls and the vistas

out in the four cardinal directions. So along the south that's University Avenue, directly in line with the Capitol building, is a particularly appropriate place." Project manager Frauke Bartels said in an email that the new entrance creates another landmark for the campus — one that welcomes students, visitors and passersby to the University. "The timeless low wall design frames the grand view of Littlefield Fountain and the Tower beyond in a striking manner and will serve

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Mariana Gonzalez | Daily Texan Staff  
A formal entrance to the University, located at University Avenue, was completed on Friday.

SYSTEM

## Houston expansion faces doubts from mayor

By Caleb Wong  
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Houston mayor Sylvester Turner said the UT System's planned expansion into the city could hurt other Houston-based universities. "One the one hand, it is flattering for a Tier One institution like UT to want to expand its blueprint in Houston," Turner said in a statement. "On the other hand, with the playing field not being level for public higher institutions, I am concerned UT may be utilizing access to the Permanent University Fund to stymie the growth of UH. I am not going to jump to conclusions at this time, but I am concerned." The Permanent University Fund is a state-owned sovereign wealth fund which only allocates money to the UT and Texas A&M University Systems, not other Texas public universities such as the University of Houston System.

Turner's criticism of the UT System is similar to other critical statements many other Houston-based lawmakers have made about the System. Sen. John Whitmire (D-Houston) said the UT System may draw away research dollars or other funding from Houston-based institutions in a letter to Chancellor William McRaven in December. "In my 42 years of service in the Texas legislature, I have not seen such an affront to the legislative process," Whitmire wrote. "I would strongly urge the University of Texas leadership to hold off on any action ... until the Legislature reconvenes." The System isn't

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UNIVERSITY

## Faculty members denounce campus carry

By Wynne Davis  
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Faculty members gathered at the Faculty Council meeting Monday to speak out against campus carry and give President Gregory Fenves their thoughts before he submits suggestions to the UT System by mid-February. Campus carry, which goes into effect Aug. 1, requires colleges to allow licensed concealed handgun owners to carry their weapons in campus buildings. Universities can ban guns from some buildings on campus, but cannot declare classrooms or entire campuses gun-free. Before the meeting began, faculty members collectively submitted three questions for Fenves: whether professors would be able to ask students with concealed carry to sit at the back of the classroom, whether a building could be gun-free if part of it was gun-free, and if the University will ask to postpone campus carry implementation. Fenves said asking students if they carried a gun would violate privacy laws. "In Texas, the identity of those that have [concealed



President Gregory Fenves addresses the Faculty Council on Monday afternoon. Fenves responded to questions from faculty concerning campus carry regulations. handgun licenses] is confidential," Fenves said. "We can't know who they are among our campus community. Only law enforcement is allowed to check CHL holders for their license. Faculty really can't ask students or anyone else in their class ... if they have a [license] and take some action as a result of that." While Fenves said the entire buildings cannot be declared gun-free in every circumstance, the University campus carry working group included in its recommendations that professors should have the

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## SURE Walk reveals plan to expand services through app

By Mikaela Cannizzo  
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SURE Walk, a service that provides students with a companion for late-night walks home, is finalizing plans to create a more comfortable atmosphere on campus by integrating technology-based efforts into its system. The service, which is a Student Government agency composed of student volunteers, opened for the semester Monday night. Krishan Sachdev, health and society junior and SURE Walk director, said the service is working with UT policy directors to develop an app that could potentially enable video-chat services or GPS monitoring abilities.



Graeme Hamilton | Daily Texan Staff  
SURE Walk, a program created by Student Government volunteers, began for the semester on Monday night. "Today we're a very digital society — everybody you see is either on their phone, on their laptop or on their tablet," Sachdev said. "We're very tech-savvy and comfortable using an app interface." By eliminating the need for a volunteer to be present during a student's journey home from campus, Sachdev said he believes the service will become

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## UT, Mexico cooperate through geosciences exchange program

By Pranav Nair  
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This summer, 16 students from UT and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in Mexico will participate in an exchange program to study and develop computation techniques that will help scientists collect and analyze geoscience data. According to Jorge Pinon, program manager for the Jackson School of Geosciences, as the need for energy reform becomes more urgent amid the revelations about the modern environmental concerns of climate change, collaboration efforts such as the summer program aim to nurture a new generation of geoscientists that may solve the problems that perplex the

brightest minds of the present. The program, which will include six weeks of instruction and three weeks of fieldwork in the Central Mexican Altiplano and the Texas Hill Country, is the result of a collaboration between the UT International Office and School of Geosciences faculty led by associate professor Suzanne Pierce. Pierce, who is also a research scientist at the Texas Advanced Computer Center, said the idea for an exchange program started last March when Study Abroad Office administrators approached her about a possible international collaboration venture following a workshop she led on intelligence systems sponsored by the National Science Foundation,

"We talked on Skype many times," Pierce said. "We worked really hard and could not have pulled this off so quickly without all the efforts of our staff and the trust we share." The exchange program aims to educate students in different kinds of energy management, data collection and computation through a partnership between the Jackson School of Geosciences and the Geosciences department at UNAM. "This program will help our students and their students become well versed in [computation, data analysis] skills and each other's cultures as well," JSG science writer Monica Kortsha said.

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A man rows his paddleboard on Lady Bird Lake on Monday evening.

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backing down from its ambitious plans to build a new campus in Houston. The planned 300-acre campus, which is estimated to cost around \$450 million over 30 years, is set in southwest Houston near the downtown business hub. A task force will convene to discuss possible uses for the campus without duplicating the efforts of existing Houston institutions, according to a UT System press release.

In a response to the mayor, UT System spokesperson Karen Adler said the System is working with lawmakers and other higher education institutions to develop plans

for the Houston campus.

“The expansion of higher education opportunities for Texans, regardless of which institutions offer them, is a positive achievement,” Adler said in a statement. “More higher education, more students obtaining marketable skills and certificates or degrees is needed for Texas to remain strong economically and societally.”

While the UT System has promised to collaborate with other institutions during the planning process, UT System Chancellor William McRaven acknowledged he is “guilty as charged” last Thursday of not coordinating with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating

Board, which oversees all higher education activities in the state.

“It probably would have been a good idea [to consult with the coordinating board],” McRaven said. “If the word gets out, the next thing you know, the price goes up [on the land].”

Whitmire and other lawmakers have raised doubts about the PUF’s allocation of funds.

“As the distribution is currently constituted, UT owning 300 acres in Houston and having access to the PUF would give them a distinct advantage over UH and its ability to compete for highly recruited faculty and research dollars,”

Whitmire wrote in a letter to McRaven.

In response, McRaven said the System’s expansion into Houston would benefit the city and the state as a whole, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle.

“This isn’t a competition. This is an opportunity,” McRaven wrote. “The University of Texas and Texas A&M have been magnificent stewards of this unique resource since its inception. The incredible strength of Texas higher education, research and the economy can be directly attributed to how UT and A&M have utilized the PUF. We are proud of our stewardship and the progress we have made to advance our state.”

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This initiative is not the only time the two institutions have cooperated.

“We are not just going there to teach them,” said Pinon, speaking of the recent cooperation efforts between the two universities. “We are going there to learn from them.”

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more accessible to students regardless of where they live.

He also said the app will create a more efficient method of contact for students who want to avoid any preconceptions that come with being walked home by someone in an orange vest.

Marketing junior Kara Wang said she believes the social stigma of walking home from campus with a volunteer prevents students from utilizing the service.

Sachdev said the service also plans to implement more ways to request a SURE Walk instead of only through phone calls. He said students will be able to order a walk through email soon, and, while the app is still being finalized, he hopes it will provide an additional means of request.

Marketing sophomore Brianna Seidel said she would be more willing to order a SURE Walk if methods other than calling were involved, preferably text.

“If you’re studying in a library, having to go outside to make a phone call is more difficult than just texting while staying in the library,” Seidel said.

While texting will not be an option for requesting the service due to the phone number’s lack of cellular capabilities, other options will be provided in the near future, according to Sachdev.

Currently, Sachdev said he is not sure if the app will be integrated into the existing UT app or if it will be launched as its own app. Through advertising efforts during summer orientation, Sachdev said he hopes to have a grand launch of the reformed service throughout the beginning of next semester.

“As an organization, SURE Walk and Student Government, we want every student on our campus to be comfortable,” Sachdev said. “We understand that attending an institution like the University of Texas sometimes requires studying late or being on campus at odd hours, and no one should have a problem coming home from that.”



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CAMPUS

# Microfarm sets sights on selling produce

**By Jasleen Shokar**  
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Students from the UT Microfarm will sell produce on a weekly basis for the first time this year.

The microfarm, a student-run project focused on producing locally grown food using sustainable farming techniques, will sell fresh produce on the West Mall from 3 to 5 p.m. every Monday starting Jan. 24 in an effort to connect more students with its produce. This is the first year the farm has committed to weekly food stands instead of stands three or four times a semester.

The project, a feature of

the Campus Environmental Center, is a student organization in the Office of Sustainability started in 2012.

"I joined in 2013, pretty soon after I came to UT, and I knew absolutely nothing," said Stephanie Hamborsky, CEC co-director and developing director of the microfarm. "I'm from a suburb in Houston and was completely disconnected from my food."

Hamborsky said the microfarm tries to create an understanding of the farming process for students.

"People romanticize [farming] a lot, and after they learn more about their food and where it comes from, they realize how much

work it really is," Hamborsky said. "You can really minimize labor nowadays, but it does still require a lot of time and effort."

Veggies featured this week included broccoli, dino kale, carrots, cauliflower, snap peas, radishes, a variety of herbs and mustard greens.

"I came [to the stand] because my friend is involved, and I wanted to give her some company," psychology senior Ramiro Castillo said. "But I didn't know you could buy this much kale for two dollars. More people should be informed about this."

Hamborsky said locally sourced food benefits both the local economy and

the farmer.

"Farmers have no say over market pricing," Hamborsky said. "Companies set the pricing and can pick which farmers they want to use."

In addition to providing access to fresh produce, one of the goals of the farm is to show students where food comes from.

"Educating people about organic produce and the use of sustainable farming practices is important," said Alex Lord, farm stand and social media intern. "Farming isn't only limited to rural areas — you can do it anywhere with any amount of space."

Castillo said he feels



**Joshua Guerra** | Daily Texan Staff

Psychology senior Alex Lord, right grabs a few radishes that were grown from the UT student Microfarm.

everyone benefits from the resources provided by the microfarm.

"It seems like it helps everyone," said Castillo.

"It helps the students running this organization and those who are consuming the food. It's mutually beneficial."

HEALTH

# Researchers explore potential cancer treatment

**By Catherine Marfin & Ali Ahmed**  
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Ted Mills has been metabolically rearranging the cells of mice since 2003 in an effort to impede the growth of cancer cells.

Mills, an associate professor of pharmacy and toxicology at UT, has assembled a research team at the University that has discovered a method of

blocking an energy pathway needed by cancer cells to reproduce.

Cancer is a disease characterized by unfettered cell division, in which cells need energy and mass in order to divide and become a tumor. By manipulating cell proteins, Mills and his team have created a method of training mice to burn energy at an accelerated rate so the cancer cells can no longer divide and accumulate. Because of the rap-

id cell division they require, the metabolism of the cancer cells isn't flexible enough to support this change in the mice's bodies.

"Basically, our research is all about telling the cancer cells they can't get what they need anymore," graduate student Ashley Solmonson, who is also a member of Mills' research team, said. "You can have a car all day long, but if you don't have any gas, it just won't work"

Mills said the project, which

started over a decade ago, came from his longtime interest in metabolism and disease. The findings of the research were published in a fall 2015 edition of Nature Communications, according to a Jan. 6 UT press release.

"I've always been fascinated by the metabolism of cells and how this can affect the body," Mills said. "The nature of these discoveries is the culmination of the research and discover-

ies my team and I have made since then."

According to Mills, the mice have shown several positive effects as a result of their metabolic rearrangement.

"The mice have become incredibly resistant not only to cancer but to other aging diseases such as obesity," Mills said. "There are many benefits to the research beyond cancer resistance, and there are now a host of things we're trying to study

these mice for."

Mills said this research opens the possibility for more modernized cancer treatments.

"Our research is focused on stopping the growth and development of tumors early on," Mills said. "As a result of our findings, we might be able to eventually develop a therapy or drug that does the same thing as the mice so that we have a global strategy for targeting all cancers at once."

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opportunity to declare their offices gun-free zones.

The Faculty Council also discussed other resolutions including posting signs banning guns from offices, training UTPD officers to deal with concealed carry and forming an initiative to study gun violence.

Some faculty in attendance said professors should get to decide if they allow guns their classrooms.

Physics and astronomy professor Steven Weinberg, who attended the meeting,

said he would face the consequences for banning guns in his classrooms.

"I feel strongly enough about this so that I will do what I have already done this term, next term — whatever the University regulations are, I will put into my syllabus that the class is not open to students carrying guns," Weinberg said. "Now, that may get me into trouble with the state or with the students. I may wind up in court, [but] I'm willing to accept that possibility."

Although many faculty members raised concerns over where guns would be

allowed on campus, Steven Goode, law professor and chair of the faculty group, said the group's recommendations exceeded the requirements set by the System.

"There is nothing in the UT System report inconsistent with what [the working group] did," Goode said. "In fact, our report goes a good deal further than the UT System report on a number of things such as dormitories and offices."

The council also passed a series of five resolutions concerning further restrictions and safety precautions about guns on campus.

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as a great introduction to the historic campus," Bartels said. "It will be a major photo-taking opportunity for years to come and will literally add a new perspective to viewing campus."

Matthew Johnson, owner of Bartlett Stone Company, said the lettering on the entrance took him three weeks to do.

"The material is called

Cordoba Cream Limestone," Johnson said. "It's a locally quarried limestone. Most University of Texas buildings incorporate that type of limestone in the architecture."

Johnson said that the font carved into the new entrance is a new typeface, one never carved into stone before. Dyal said the typeface, called "GT Sectra," was selected by Dyal and Partners.

"We selected that font because it has, in our view,

a kind of academic quality about it," Dyal said. "And although it is a contemporary, digital age font, it is at the same time a kind of classic font, a serif font and a really beautiful typeface."

According to Johnson, working on the entrance was a rewarding experience.

"It's exciting to work for the University, especially on something that's so iconic or hopefully going to become iconic," Johnson said.



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COLUMN

# Humans could become GMO

By Jake Schmidt

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Genetic modification of human embryos has been a no-no since an international conference of scientists in 1975 enforced a voluntary moratorium on the practice. But in April 2015, researchers from Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China reported they had done just that, using a novel technique called CRISPR/Cas9 to replace segments of DNA responsible for the disease thalassaemia.

The embryos used in the Guangzhou trial were not viable, meaning they could never have developed further to maturity, and only a small fraction of the targeted genes were successfully modified. Despite this, the feat still provoked debate among the scientific community and public alike about the consequences of tinkering with the genome of an unborn child.

Genetic engineering is currently an immature and imprecise science. Scientists cannot forecast all the impacts of a particular genetic modification. They do know, however, that many modifications come with strings attached. For instance, a genetic modification to establish HIV resistance would also increase susceptibility to West Nile Virus, not to mention that the changes are permanent and heritable.

“It has been only about a decade since we first read the human genome,” MIT

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**Genetic engineering is currently an immature and imprecise science. Scientists cannot forecast all the impacts of a particular genetic modification.**

biology professor Eric Landers said. “We should exercise great caution before we begin to rewrite it.”

But with investment in CRISPR/Cas9 in the billions, the technological problems with genetic engineering will soon be solved, and gene editing will be used not just to fix but also to improve our bodies and minds. Parents might choose their child’s hair color, athleticism or intelligence, heralding in the era of “designer babies.”

Many fear that when we can select our children’s traits, humanity will be commoditized and therefore subject to the pitfalls of capitalism — that marketers will influence “genetic fashion trends” and that the costs of genetic enhancement will further divide the poor and the rich. But few, if any, technologies ever start out cheap and accessible. Only with years of market demand and innovation does price go down and supply go up. Genetic technologies are no exception.



Illustration by Connor Murphy | Daily Texan Staff

Even if designer babies lead to intellectual inequality among the population, this inequality is not inherently bad. Smarter kids would grow into better scientists, engineers, doctors and teachers. “Generosity genes” and other altruistic alterations could make for better citizens.

Fixing the genetic lottery may take some of the variety out of life, but improving a

child’s life is more important. We’ve controlled the genomes of many species in one way or another for decades to stabilize and improve them. From corn to cattle, genetic engineering is central to our well-being. Controlling our own genes would be a good next step.

*Schmidt is a physics and aerospace engineering sophomore from Austin.*

COLUMN

# Unrealistic beauty standards must be abolished

By Emily Vernon

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As society accepts gender equality, so, too, does it understand that a woman’s worth is more than her outward appearance. Or, at least that is what we like to believe.

A recent and problematic post circulating Facebook preys upon that belief by doctoring a 2004 photo of an adult model to look like a 1950s swimsuit ad. The doctored picture intends to advocate a curvier body standard than the one desired today. This post, and others like it, set of a wide range of reactions such as “Why can’t society be like this now?” and “Real women have curves.”

While these types of posts carry positive intentions of promoting acceptance of a body type that contrasts what is often shown in modern media, the execution is still damaging. It is degrading to perpetuate an ideal body type at all even if it is a seemingly more “achievable” shape.

The problem often starts within women themselves. According to Psychology Today, “Women’s insecurity about their appearance is driven by competition with other women.”

Instead of making comparisons, women should focus on promoting self-acceptance and health.

France recently set a positive example with its passage of a law requiring doctor verification of a model’s health before they

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**While these types of posts carry positive intentions of promoting acceptance of a body type that contrasts what is often shown, the execution is still damaging.**

could walk the runway. This sends a positive message that health is more important than fitting the unfair ideal.

While the French law is beneficial, the pressure to conform to beauty standards persists. A current trend among young girls ages 11-13 involves posting videos on Youtube asking “Am I pretty enough?” A new standard, no matter how achievable, will still prompt these questions. Changing the standard is not the solution. Abolition is.

Grace Gilker, the director of UT Women’s Resource Agency, said much of this pressure comes from the media.

“A lot of it is attributed to advertising. Women’s bodies are more frequently used to sell goods than men’s bodies are,” Gilker said. “The cliché ‘sex sells’ is a cliché for a reason.”

Gilker believes it is important for celebrities and public figures to call out magazines that employ Photoshop to force natural beauty into a more collective ideal.



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Lucy Atkinson, an assistant professor at the University of Texas, specifically highlighted the Dove Campaign for Real Beauty as an example of harmful advertising. Despite its appearance as a holistic campaign, it actually promotes “a standard and communicating the idea that your natural, raw self is not enough.” She also noted that while Dove uses women in commercials that appear to promote body positivity, its campaign sells creams that diminish cellulite.

Atkinson said the issue with many of the movements for a curvier body ideal is that “even if it’s more encompassing and broader, a standard implies a baseline expectation, and not everyone will measure up.”

We need to get rid of ideal body standards because they trivialize and undermine the decades of hard-won progress made by advocates. Only then can women realize their fullest potential and individual beauty.

*Vernon is a PACE freshman from Houston.*

COLUMN

# Interfaith dialogue is necessary for a safe campus

By Leah Kashar

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Outside of the Nueces Mosque on Friday, Jan. 22 around 2 p.m., a large crowd of people stood shuffling inside and taking off their shoes. Many of the girls were huddled in a circle, teaching Jewish students how to wear a Hijab. Others chose not to, simply looking on.

Texas Hillel, the UT center for Jewish life, and the Nueces Mosque, a student-run mosque, stand within half a block of each other and both within half a mile of several churches. University Interfaith Council organized Interfaith Friday and Shabbat, which brought together two different religious communities and created interfaith dialogue.

According to Gallup, the majority of Americans currently see both anti-Semitism and Islamophobia as problems in the U.S. Interfaith dialogue is necessary for creating and maintaining a peaceful and

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calm environment that allows people to work together without fear or discomfort.

With Muslims and Jews being the two groups most likely to suffer hate crimes, according to the FBI, it is important that conversations such as these continue to occur. Many students, who were originally out of their comfort zone, were put at ease by the ability to freely ask questions and get to know cultures that they were not familiar with. Jenna Conwisar, government sophomore and one of the organizers of the event, agreed.

“Interfaith work is so important because it brings together different communities for the sake of coexistence and understanding,” Conwisar said. “It’s so common to have stigmas about groups of people you aren’t familiar with.”

At the Mosque, Imam Shaykh Mufti Mohamed-Umer Esmail gave a sermon about being kind to one’s neighbors. He interpreted this as being kind to those that one lives next to, the stranger next to us on the bus and those different from us in faith. He encouraged everyone to open up their homes and their minds to those different from them.

“Since birth we are surrounded by different religions. ... My dad would say, ‘We don’t believe in Santa Claus, but you’re not going to argue with them.’ We are still going to be friends,” the imam said. “If you looked into the past of Christianity, you’d find the same conflict. Islam is 600 years younger. All major religions go through it. We just pray for the best.”

When a Volvo in the parking lot was

blocking a student trying to get to class, someone remarked, “Ha! We all have the same issues.”

Later, at Texas Hillel, four types of services were offered — Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Alternative. The alternative service was in the format of “ask the Rabbi,” which allowed those who attended to gain a better understanding of Judaism.

Interfaith dialogue means understanding the other’s points of view and learning to work together. Many have even drawn parallels between Islamophobic and anti-Semitic rhetoric. Interfaith dialogue is necessary to create an accepting, productive and comfortable learning environment and culture. Going forward, understanding and being able to embrace those who are different is an important part of creating a safe and comfortable campus for all.

“God wants us to be a fruit salad, not a smoothie,” the imam said. “We can be together, but we can be different.”

*Kashar is an English freshman from Scarsdale, New York.*

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UNIVERSITY

Former quarterback arrested on DWI charge

By Akshay Mirchandani  
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Former Texas quarterback Vince Young was arrested on a DWI charge while driving on the 4600 block of the Interstate 35 service road Sunday night, according to an arrest affidavit.

Young, 32, was arrested at 11:16 p.m. The affidavit said Young pulled up to a red light on the I-35 service road at Sixth Street. Young's car didn't move until 10 seconds after the light turned green.

Young then drove between 25–30 mph on the service road before entering the highway near 15th Street, according to the affidavit. The officer noted Young drove between 42–60 mph on the highway while drifting in his lane. At one point, Young went up to 68 mph while drifting over the solid yellow line in the left lane.

The affidavit said Young smelled strongly of alcohol and his eyes were glassy. Young was booked into jail

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—Vince Young,  
Diversity and community  
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at 12:46 a.m. on Monday. Young has posted bail.

“I specifically want to apologize to the young men and women who look up to me as a role model and to my employers at the University of Texas and the Longhorn Network,” Young said in a statement.

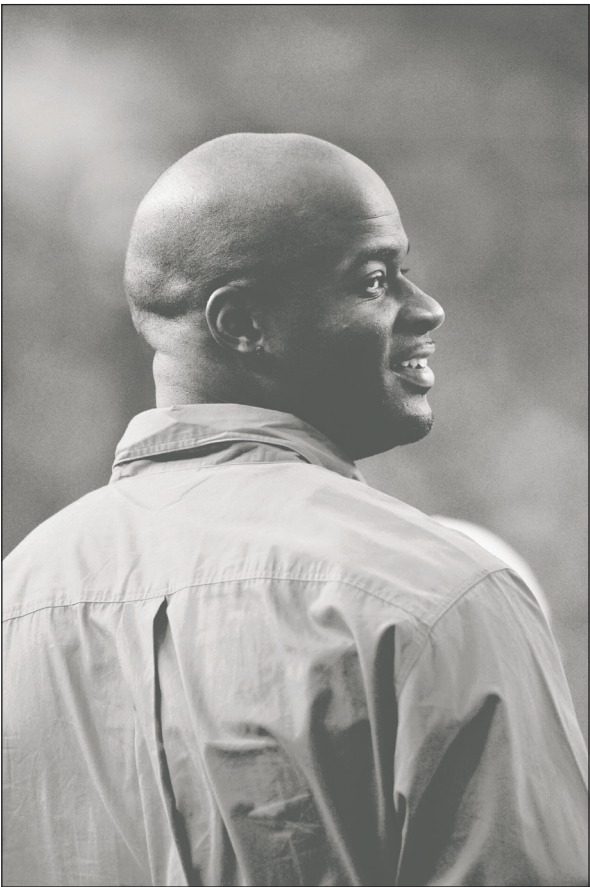
Gregory J. Vincent, vice president for Diversity and Community Engagement, released a statement on Young's arrest.

“We are aware of Vince Young's situation and are working with UT's human resources department to

determine any appropriate action, given Mr. Young's position with UT Austin and DDCE,” Vincent said.

Young, who led the Longhorns to the 2005 National Championship, currently serves as diversity and community engagement officer at UT.

“I understand the seriousness of the situation I am in and take full responsibility for not having met the standards of my own personal conduct,” Young said. “Thank you for everyone who has reached out to me for you love and support.”



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo  
Former Texas quarterback Vince Young watches his old team take on West Virginia in 2012.

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All-Americans from last year's squad with Hossler, junior Gavin Hall and sophomores Scheffler and Doug Ghim but lost its key No. 5 player, Kramer Hickok.

Hickok helped shoulder the load last season with a 72.23 scoring average. This season, senior T ayler Termeer, junior Kalena Preus and sophomore T aylor Funk have all been vying for the job of replacing Hickok but have collectively averaged a 74.67 in stroke play.

Texas still remains confident it can fill that void in its lineup and make a run for a fourth-straight Big 12 championship and fourth national championship in program history.

“We have all the talent in the world,” Hossler said. “We have guys that want to win, guys that are working really hard and doing everything they can to get better.”

Texas kicks off its spring season this Friday and Saturday as the Longhorns head to Tucson for the Arizona Intercollegiate at the Sewailo Golf Club.

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**Morris, Evans take Big 12 weekly awards**

Senior forward Georges Niang might have led Iowa State in points, but junior guard Monte Morris's 20-point effort in the win over Oklahoma on Jan. 18 earned him the Big 12 Player of the Week award announced Monday.

Morris also posted 11 points and six assists in the Cyclones win over TCU on Saturday.

Oklahoma State freshman guard Jawan Evans rounded out the weekly awards with the Newcomer of the Week title. Evans tallied 22 assists, eight rebounds and six assists in the Cowboys' 86-67 blow-

out win over Kansas on Jan. 19.

**Oklahoma remains No. 1 despite loss**


Despite the loss at Iowa State last Tuesday, the Sooners held onto their No. 1 ranking in the AP poll on Monday.

Kansas fell one spot to No. 4 after losing at Oklahoma State last week. The Jayhawks rebounded with a 76-67 win over Texas. West Virginia lost three spots to No. 9 following its loss to Texas, and Baylor dropped to No. 17.


Iowa State was the only team to improve its position, jumping up to No. 14 after beating Oklahoma.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Smart brings new confidence to team

By Akshay Mirchandani  
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Shaka Smart has the same outfit on game days. The head coach typically takes off his jacket when the game tips off, and goes with the long-sleeved button-down and tie look. But he also has something else on every time the Longhorns take the court — a plus sign written in marker on the top of his hand. “It just reminds me to be positive,” Smart said. “I really think with all this stuff, you can see the glass half empty or half full.” Some of Smart’s players, unprompted, have taken to writing a plus sign on their hands before games. The problem was, it took some time for the Longhorns to get to the point where they were naturally confident and positive. When Smart took the job last April, the Longhorns were coming off a disappointing 20-14 campaign that led the program to part ways with head coach Rick Barnes. As he started working with the players, Smart noticed they blamed the former coaching staff for some past disappointments. “That was a real red flag to me,” Smart said. “Because I knew that at some point we were going to have to take a level of accountability, all of us, for our own results.” Smart initially stayed quiet, choosing to listen to what his players had to say rather than call them out immediately. But eventually, the team began the



Head coach Shaka Smart gives encouragement from the sidelines during the Longhorns’ win against then-No. 17 Iowa State. Smart has been instrumental in changing the team attitude since losing senior center Cameron Ridley to injury.

journey to instill a new sense of confidence and positivity, something Smart said is still a work in progress. “It was just a weird dynamic because it was like a fake confidence, and everything’s fine now because we made a coaching change,” Smart said. “And I’m, like, ‘No, no, it’s not. You’ve got to address some of this stuff.’” Still, the season hasn’t been without low points that hurt the team’s psyche. When senior center Cameron Ridley fractured his left foot, Smart

said he had to pick the team back up again. “I remember the day after Cam got hurt, me trying to cheer up [junior guard Isaiah Taylor],” Smart said. “And, you know how Isaiah is. He can be dramatic. But he basically had this look and this sentiment that this is really, really, really bad.” The Longhorns’ newfound confidence has translated into big wins this season, including upsets over ranked opponents North Carolina and Iowa State. Texas is coming

off a 1-1 road trip where it beat then-No. 6 West Virginia but fell to then-No. 3 Kansas. But another shot to Texas’s nerves came on Jan. 9 when it lost on the road to TCU — the same team that visits the Frank Erwin Center on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Since then, the Longhorns are 3-1, including two wins coming against ranked foes. “Ever since then, we’ve made a conscious effort to come out aggressive,” senior guard Javan Felix said. “Not just in games, but everyday

in practice so it can be a habit for us, and that’s been the biggest difference.” Smart tried to make sure the team didn’t get down after losing to Kansas, telling them to be angry instead. But he doesn’t view the rematch with TCU as a “huge game” on the schedule. “Someone said something a few weeks ago about a must-win. What does that even mean?” Smart said. “Does that mean if the team doesn’t win, we’re all going to go out back and be executed?”

BIG 12 NOTEBOOK

## No. 14 Cyclones pull off upset of No. 4 Jayhawks

By Jacob Martella  
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Hilton Magic claimed yet another victim Monday night. No. 14 Iowa State reprised its role as spoiler, beating No. 4 Kansas 85-72. The Jayhawks led for a little over three-fourths of the game, but an 18-6 run turned the tide in favor of the Cyclones. Junior guard Monte Morris led Iowa State with 21 points, nine assists and four rebounds, while senior forward Georges Niang added 21 points and six rebounds. Kansas senior forward Perry Ellis posted 23 points and five rebounds in the losing effort.

showed no signs of a hangover in their first game after their loss to Iowa State last week. Oklahoma took No. 13 Baylor to task in the second half of their game on Saturday, using a 33-12 run to finish with a 82-72 win. Junior guard Jordan Woodward led the Sooners with 20 points while senior guard Buddy Hield finished with 19 points, eight rebounds and two steals. Baylor forwards Taurean Prince and Jonathan Motley each posted 15 points for the Bears in the losing effort. The Sooners return home to play Texas Tech on Tuesday night before traveling to LSU on Saturday.



Iowa State guard Monte Morris (11) defends against junior guard Isaiah Taylor. Morris’ contributions against No. 1 Oklahoma earned him conference Player of the Week honors.

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MEN’S GOLF

## Texas golfers hope to gain traction in spring campaign

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The Texas men’s golf team will look to gain some traction in its 2015-16 campaign with spring play set to begin this weekend. The Longhorns enter the spring ranked No. 10 in the Golfweek rankings, having dipped seven spots from their No. 3 preseason ranking in the fall. Texas didn’t win a single tournament in the fall season, finishing eighth at the Fighting Illini Invitational, tying for fourth at the Nike Golf Collegiate Invitational and tying for sixth at the United States Collegiate Championship. But the team’s sluggish start is not without cause. The Longhorns dealt with injuries from the start of the season including a few

bumps and bruises to star junior Beau Hossler and sophomore Scottie Scheffler. “It’s been difficult for us to get our momentum,” head coach John Fields said. “You need consistency with your entire team. Even the success we had this fall was probably significant in relationship with the obstacles we were dealing with.” The Longhorns, however, aren’t overreacting and placing stock into the difficulties of the fall. Last season, Texas only won one tournament before racking up six wins in the spring, including a third-straight Big 12 championship and a berth in the NCAA quarterfinals. “The fall season does not mean hardly anything,” Hossler said. “We certainly underachieved, but I think that with this offseason —



Beau Hossler  
Junior

to have a couple months off for guys to get healthy, for guys to get their game in order, to understand what they need to improve on. I think we’re going to be just fine in the spring.” The Longhorns will need more productions out of their fifth spot in the starting lineup if they are going to start winning tournaments. Texas returned four

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WOMEN’S GOLF

## Longhorns hope to build on fall success

By Rosalyn Barnett  
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The fall season was filled with strong finishes for the Longhorns, but now the stakes are about to increase. Texas is preparing to start its spring season with the UCF Challenge in Orlando Florida on Feb. 7-9 and looking to set its sights on the Big 12 and NCAA tournaments in April and May. The women competed in five tournaments last fall, all with top 10 finishes, but head coach Ryan Murphy said he believes the best is yet to come. “All in all, it was a good team effort,” Murphy said. “This team will continue to improve and will be competing for championships in the spring.” Several players had strong showings during the fall season. Junior Haley Mills finished the season without a bogey

during her last two rounds, while sophomore Sophia Schubert shot three consecutive rounds of 69-68-66 during the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown to set the record for the lowest round of any player this season. “I’m just going to keep working hard, and I know my game is where it needs to be right now,” Schubert said. Senior Julia Beck had an impressive fall season as well with her career-best fourth place finish at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational. The home course advantage aided in her tournament day-low 67 to lead Texas to a fourth place finish overall. Beck also placed top 30 in two other events last fall. The senior credited her improved play to being more confident and having better course management. “I know where I need to hit it, where I play best from, and that’s it,” Beck said.

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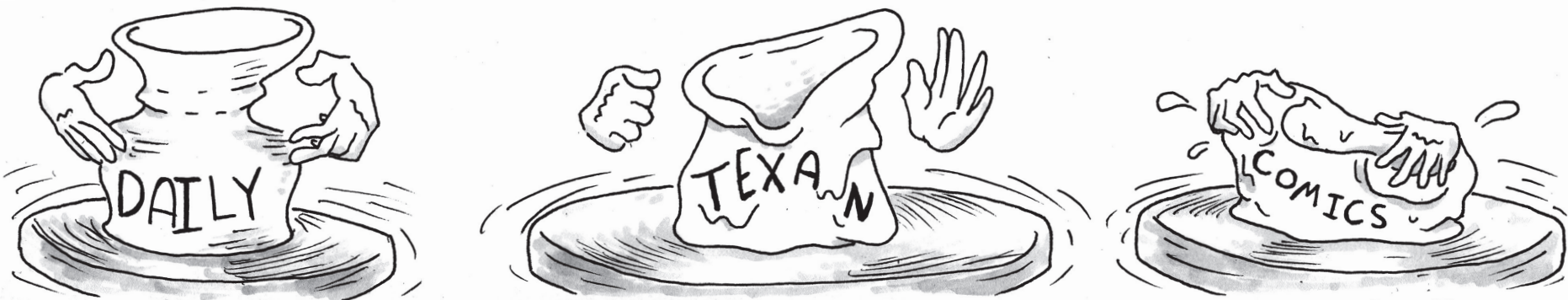
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SPORTS BRIEFLY

**Durant bringing success back to OKC**  
Former Longhorn Kevin Durant was selected to his seventh-consecutive NBA All-Star Game on Thursday. Getting selected to this event has become a recurring tradition for the Oklahoma City Thunder star since the end of his second season in the NBA. Durant, the MVP of the 2012 All-Star Game, will start alongside teammate Russell Westbrook on Feb. 14 at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. NBA fans traditionally vote for the starters in the event via text message, social media and polls on NBA.com, while the coaches select the remaining All-Stars as reserves. Durant finished second only to Kobe Bryant in the Western Conference for the frontcourt spots with 980,787 votes. He finished fourth overall in total votes behind Bryant, Stephen Curry and LeBron James. This will be Durant’s fifth time earning a spot as a starter through fan voting. Despite being chosen out of fan popularity, Durant’s performance has solidified his case for starting in the game. After a tough, injury-plagued 2014-15 season for Durant and the Thunder, the former MVP has rebounded impressively. Durant ranks fourth in the NBA in scoring, averaging 26.6 points in 39 games this season. He ranks first in the NBA in rebounds among all small forwards (7.7 per game) and is shooting 88.6 percent from the free-throw line — top 10 in the association. Durant’s All-Star selection is a highlight coupled with his individual accomplishments with the Oklahoma City Thunder this year. The team that missed the playoffs a year ago currently sits at 33-13 — the best record in the Northwest Division and third in the NBA. —Steve Helwick





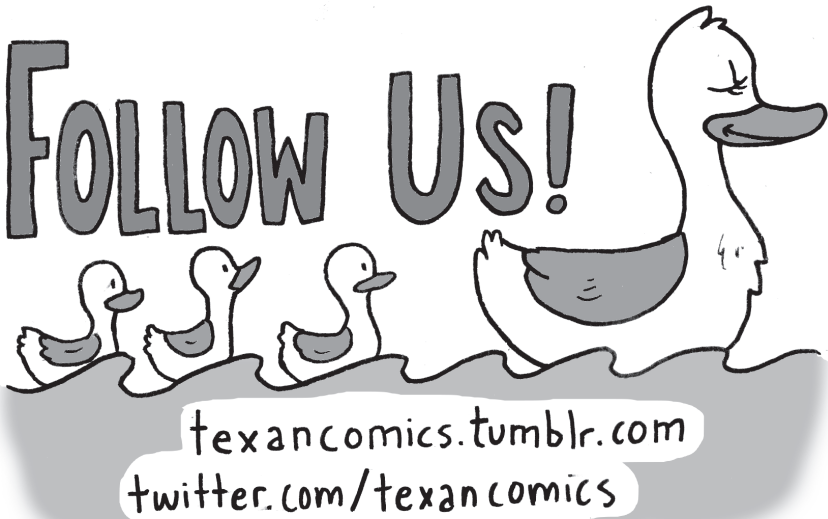
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  - 7 Meh
  - 11 River near the Valley of the Kings
  - 15 Avoid attention
  - 16 Weapon in Clue
  - 17 One of 10, say, in a supermarket's express checkout lane
  - 18 Kids' event that goes into the wee hours
  - 20 Convo
  - 21 Throw (together)
  - 22 In stitches
  - 23 Lay's product
  - 24 Something in a movie star's frame?
  - 28 Condensed periodical
  - 31 \_\_\_ sour (drink)
  - 33 Pianist's practice piece
  - 34 Mount of the Bible
  - 37 Water, potentially
  - 38 Symbol for water potential
  - 39 Atypical ... or like the first word in the answer to 18-24, 51- or 62-Across
  - 42 Spare bed, often
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  - 44 See 8-Down
  - 45 Dweller on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula
  - 47 Like the population of Alaska vis-à-vis New Jersey
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  - 56 Weeding tools
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- PUZZLE BY TOM MCCOY**
- 30 Popular musical game beginning in 2005
  - 32 Fabled mountain dwellers
  - 34 A little night noise
  - 35 "Where did \_\_\_ wrong?"
  - 36 Wimple wearer
  - 40 Midmonth date
  - 41 CD \_\_\_ (storage objects)
  - 46 Collection that, despite its name, is orderly and compact
  - 48 Awakens
  - 49  $n(n+1) \div 2$ , for all integers from 1 to  $n$
  - 50 "\_\_\_ Fables"
  - 52 African animal you might get a charge out of?
  - 53 Gang
  - 54 Hi-\_\_\_ monitor
  - 55 Had in hand
  - 58 When repeated, a subtle (or sometimes not-so-subtle) comment
  - 59 Eight: Prefix
  - 60 Squeaks (by)
  - 62 Where you might wear only a towel
  - 63 Silent (presidential nickname)
  - 64 Caviar, e.g.

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CAMPUS

Former cop retires with fossils and dinosaurs



Editor's note: In 300 words or fewer, this series spotlights people in our community whose stories typically go untold.

**By Katie Walsh**  
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It's still dark outside as Michael Fallon walks up the stairs to work, passing a saber-toothed tiger on his left. He unlocks the front door and flicks on the lights, illuminating the 40-foot wingspan of a Texas Pterosaur hovering above him.

Fallon is the first one at work every day and the last

one out. Until the next employee arrives around 9 a.m., the Texas Memorial Museum's 66 million-year-old Monasaur skeleton keeps him company.

"A lot of people kid me about that movie 'Night At The Museum,'" he said. "If the animals were to come alive, it would be spooky, but in reality, it's just very quiet."

Most of his workday is spent in his security nook inside the museum's Great Hall. Two computer screens stare back at him with live surveillance footage of the museum grounds.

At all times, he is ready to respond to a crisis. After nine years in the U.S. Air Force and 23 with UTPD, he is well versed in emergency protocol, although at the museum he rarely has to use it.

"If I can keep people happy and safe, that makes me happy," he said.

In 2010, Fallon retired from UTPD because it was time for a new chapter in his life. He said being a cop is a young man's game, and as he moved deeper into his 50s, he wanted a change of pace.

The museum provided just that. Michael gets to see every patron who comes through the museum, from retirement home groups to pre-K classes. He watches each of them experience the same wonder and awe he feels every day from his security nook.

"I think people should appreciate natural history so they know what was here long before we were and appreciate what we have now," he said. "It humbles you."



**Mike McGraw** | Daily Texan Staff  
Michael Fallon works as a security guard at the Texas Memorial Museum. Before working at the museum, Fallot served nine years in the U.S. Air Force and 23 years with UTPD.

GAMES & TECHNOLOGY

New 'Mario' game feels recycled

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A blank sheet of paper is full of endless possibilities, but it's a shame that "Mario and Luigi: Paper Jam" chose to play it safe by drawing nothing but stick figures.

Mario, integrating a third member into their dynamic duo, tasked to save the day.

"Paper Jam" utilizes contrast as a theme with the mixing of paper and "real" elements playing a key role in the story and environments. But the game is still largely a "Mario and Luigi" game with the "Paper Mario" universe functioning as one big guest character to liven up the Mushroom Kingdom.

The joining of these two universes gives way to many of the game's highlights. Bowser and Paper Bowser constantly clash egos, often resulting in meta jokes, and Princess Peach and her paper counterpart discuss how mundane the repeated kidnappings they are subjected to have become.

Princess Peach's conversation points out one of the series' key flaws — it is rather boring. The story doesn't branch out from the same old storyline of Bowser kidnapping Peach and Mario having to go rescue her. It tries to throw in something different here and there, but nothing

**MARIO AND LUIGI: PAPER JAM**

**Genre:** RPG  
**Rating:** E  
**Grade:** B

truly stands out or takes a risk.

The same can be said for the games various locales, which follow the same environmental tropes of most Mario games. The locales in the game are the same generic deserts, forests, plains and winter landscapes seen in almost every Mario game. Luckily, the story doesn't distract from the game's charm. The same disregard of the fourth wall that the series is known for remains intact. At one point, a character takes the action icons from the player's user interface, rendering them unable to engage in standard battle.

Battles are the strongest aspect of "Paper Jam," with turn-based combat that uses small minigame attacks and timed button prompts to keep the player engaged and active.

In contrast to other turn-based combat systems that simply have players take damage, "Paper Jam" makes the player actively jump over or use their hammer to repel enemy attacks. Rather than just pressing an attack button, the player has to



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**By Elizabeth Hlavinka**  
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The small series of Roman numerals on international relations and global studies senior Sarah Wilson's back represents the day her father died from a heart attack more than a decade ago. Wilson got the tattoo on her 19th birthday, accompanied and supported by her best friends. She said she was glad it was such a small tattoo because of how painful the process was.



“It's a memorandum of him. A tribute. [I wanted] something I can wear in a professional setting. I wanted a spot that wasn't going to be ugly or deformed if I gained weight when I was older.

—Sarah Wilson,  
International relations and global studies senior

MUSIC

Tilt app sponsors crowdfunded concert

**By Megan Hix**  
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DJ duo The Chainsmokers will play a sold-out, crowd-funded show at Emo's tonight. The students-only show was made possible by fundraising app Tilt, which launched a contest among college campuses to sell 800 tickets as quickly as possible. The six campuses that sold the tickets the fastest became the destinations for the pair's tour. The Daily Texan talked to Tilt's head of media partnerships, Grace Lee, to discuss the app, the tour and what's next:

the first-ever fan-sourced tour. What that means is, instead of picking random tour dates, they said, "The first six college campuses to sell 800 tickets is where we will go." They wanted to go where the demand and their fans were, and UT happened to be one of [those campuses].

**DT: How has it gone so far?**  
**GL:** It's been awesome. Austin is stop number two. We were at Yukon last week, and it was just insane. The energy was so high, so we're really excited to see how [today's] concert goes.

**DT: How is a crowdfunded tour different from a traditionally funded tour?**  
**GL:** [The Chainsmokers] have the opportunity to connect with loyal fans because these are people who put money forward [to see them] come. This is really changing the way

artists could tour in the future. What's cool is that [UT students] made this happen. It's the power of demand.

**DT: How can students still score tickets to the concert?**  
**GL:** The concert is sold out, but if you follow the Snapchat @TiltHQ, we're going to give away tickets all day [Tuesday].

**DT: Why is Tilt so popular with college students?**  
**GL:** Tilt is growing really quickly on college campuses. I think it's because millennials are organically so social. It's an app they need and can use. We've all been in those situations when you have to collect money from 10 people for a ski trip or spring break. It's just an easy way to make things happen.

**DT: What's next for Tilt?**  
**GL:** Our Tilters are the future of Tilt. We love seeing how people use Tilt.

Anything is possible with the power of a group. This is not the first time we've seen students Tilt an artist. We had four guys Tilt the Red Hot Chili Peppers last year and G-Eazy last May. You can make anything a reality with the power of Tilt — something you can't do on your own, but if you get 10 friends, 100 friends, 1,000 friends, anything is possible. We're going to look to our Tilters to see what they want to do next.



**Zoe Fu** | Daily Texan Staff

EDM musicians The Chainsmokers will play a sold-out, students-only show at Emo's tonight after financing a six-city tour using crowdfunding app Tilt.



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